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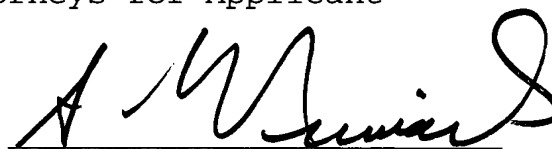
Claims 1-15 remain in the application, and some of these claims are amended above to place them in better form for U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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